additional funds for the on-going projects and for taking advance action on new projects.

(b) Till recently (upto June, 1987), Punjab was by and large able to meet its requirements of power fully. Of late, due to inadequacy of monsoon, the demand for power of agricultural sector in Punjab has increased resulting in a power shortage condition.

(c) and (d) An additional outlay of Rs. 11,200 crores during the Seventh Five Year Plan has been assessed for taking advance action on Central and State power projects intended to yield benefits during the Eighth Plan period. This includes power projects of Punjab also.

Demand of coal mine workers' trade unions

3372. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the trade unions of coal mine workers have demanded the extension of educational facilities in the Coal Mine areas; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir. In their Charter of Demands submitted for NCWA-IV, certain unions have, among other things, suggested opening of more educational institutions in the coalfields.

(b) The demands of the unions for NCWA-IV are still being discussed in JBCCI.

Marghesita Project of ASEB

3373. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission approved a project of the Assam State Electricity Board in 1981 for constructing 2x30 MW Borgolai Thermal Power plant on high-sulphur coal at Marghesita in upper Assam;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the ASEB has been prevented from importing a suitable boiler on the plea that the BHEL would design the required boiler;

(c) whether the BHEL have succeeded in designing the boiler in consonnance with the requirements of the ASEB's project at Marghesita;

(d) whether it is a fact that the project cost has already escalated by over 100 per cent due to delay in implementation of the Marghesita project; and

(e) whether Government propose to review the case and allow the ASEB to import the required boiler?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (e) Information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Kathalguri Gas based power project

3374. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received a memorandum from the All Assam Students' Union urging upon the Ministry of Energy to entrust to the Assam State Electricity Board the execution, operation and maintenance of the proposed Kathalguri gas based power project in upper Assam; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI):